

RACES AT RICHMOND

First Annual Spring Meeting to Be Held Next Month.

MANY ENTRIES ARE PROMISED

Fair Grounds Being Put in Condition, and Plan is to Make City a Wintering Center for Horses—Programme Not Fully Completed, but Many Hunters Are Expected.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Richmond, Va., April 11.—James W. Graves, president of the new Virginia Horse Show and Racing Association of Richmond, received notice yesterday morning that the hunt committee of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association has fixed May 15, 17, and 18 as the dates for the first annual spring meet of the local association. Westmoreland Davis, of Leesburg, chairman of the hunt committee, is delegated to represent the national association at the meet. With the dates for the meet finally settled, Mr. Graves and his associates are going rapidly ahead with their arrangements. They propose to make it the largest and best meet Richmond ever had. Many of the winners of the Pimlico and Warrenton entries have promised to send their horses here.

Programme Not Completed.

The programme has not yet been completed, but it is proposed to have a number of steeplechases and the usual flat races. Some of the steeplechase events will be for qualified hunters only. A large number of hunters have already entered these races. Military races for horses owned and ridden by army officers have been arranged, and this will be an attractive feature.

The meet will be held at the Virginia State fair grounds. Work on the tracks will be begun at once. The judges are announced as Westmoreland Davis, Leesburg; James K. Maddox, Warrenton; Henry Fairfax, Loudoun County, and Allen Potts, of Richmond. The clerk of the course will be John W. McComb, W. J. Catter, Broad Rock; E. D. Harris, and James W. Graves compose the racing committee, and Mark L. Lloyd is the racing secretary.

The prime object of the association is to conduct spring race meets in Richmond. It is believed that Richmond will thus be made a great wintering center for race horses. The fair grounds will accommodate 500 horses. A regular track and a cinder track are ready for working the animals out should they be kept here in the winter.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Parents Forget Daughter in Excitement of Fire.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Lynchburg, Va., April 11.—At Lawyers, Campbell County, early Saturday morning, Armistead Yule and his wife, excited over their home burning, forgot their eight-year-old daughter, who was asleep in the house, until the roof had fallen. The girl's body was recovered later and it was burned to a crisp.

Heavy Frost Near Roanoke.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Roanoke, Va., April 11.—Grave fears are felt to-day by the fruit raisers of this section for the safety of their crops. Friday night the mercury went below freezing, and this was repeated last night, with a heavy, but dry, frost. Indications are that there will be another frost to-night, and since the wind has laid, it is thought it will prove most destructive to blossoms and buds.

Natural Gas in Wise County.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Roanoke, Va., April 11.—Much excitement prevails at Appalachia, Wise County, because of the discovery there of natural gas. Men drilling a hole for an artesian well struck gas, which came out with terrific force, and the little girl's dress caught fire from the stove. It is believed the child will live.

Child Is Fatally Burned.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Richmond, Va., April 11.—Mabel Rutherford, daughter of Alfred Rutherford, was fatally burned in the home of her parents. The child was six years old. While playing in the kitchen, the little girl's dress caught fire from the stove. It is believed the child will live.

Modjeska Left Fortune.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Los Angeles, Cal., April 11.—Mme. Modjeska, in contradiction to the fate of many artists, did not die the poor. Her property was valued at \$100,000. The personal property of the actress, mostly jewelry, is worth \$20,000.

New Paper at Buena Vista.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Buena Vista, Va., April 11.—The Virginia Industrial is the name of a new journal which will make its appearance at Buena Vista about May 1.

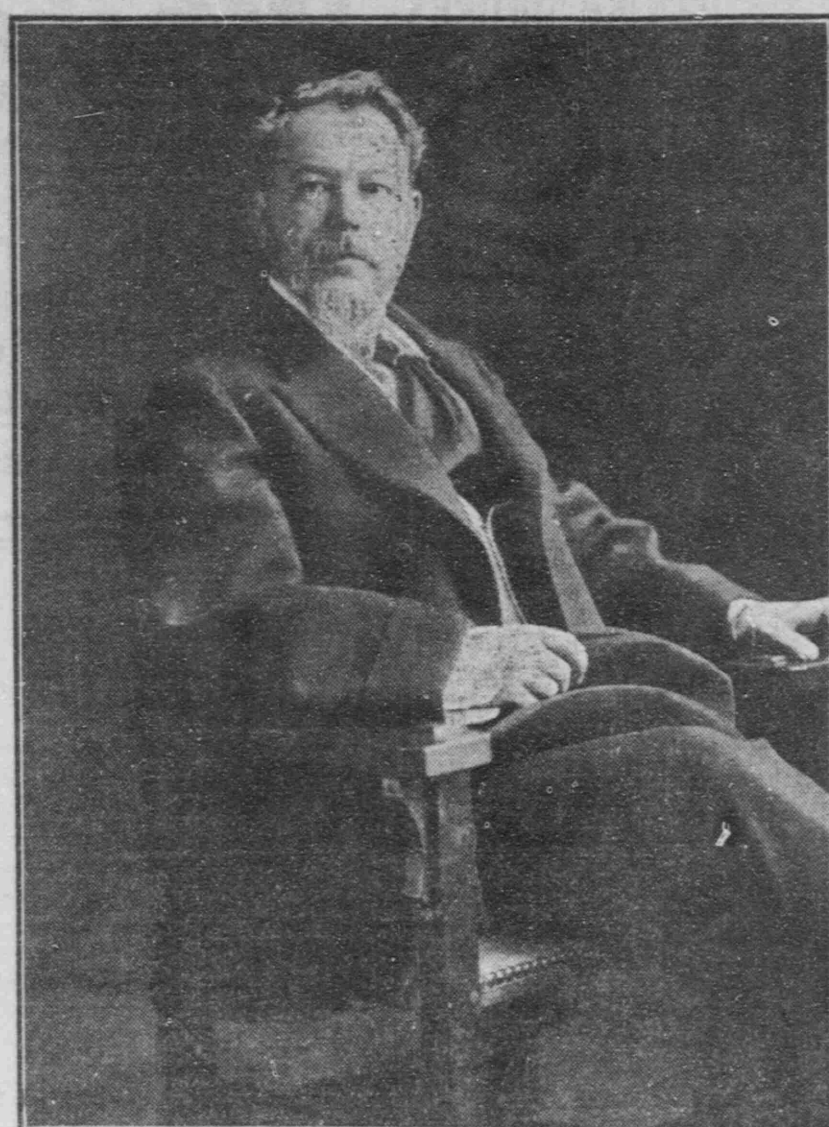
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FAMOUS ARTIST NOW IN WASHINGTON.



JOAQUIN SOROLLA. Came from Madrid to paint portrait of President Taft.

Carolinas, Maryland, and Virginia News

Political and Otherwise.

Annapolis, Md.—Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Merrimack fame, graduate of the Naval Academy in the class of 1880, and member of Congress, spoke to the midshipmen last night and told them that they must prepare themselves for war with Japan in a few years, unless this nation constructed such a fleet on the Pacific as would, without question, maintain control of the sea. He said that a similar fleet on the Atlantic, to maintain the Monroe doctrine and repel aggressions of European powers, was equally as important.

Baltimore, Md.—A pretty young woman, wearing a hat a flimsy creation of straw, cherries, peaches, and lace, stood near the cigar counter of a drug store looking over some Easter cards. The young woman seemed over the counter the better to see the cards, and the cigar lighter set the Easter hat afire.

Raleigh, N. C.—Earl Cotton, son of Dr. A. T. Cotton, a prominent physician of Raleigh, will celebrate Easter Monday by beginning a "thirty years" term in the penitentiary for the murder of Dr. E. W. Smith, of Richmond.

Charleston, W. Va.—A strike of the coal miners of the Kanawha Valley is probable. The operators ask for a ten-hour day instead of nine, as at present, and a reduction of 10 cents from the present scale of 45 cents per ton. The miners will likely resist these demands.

Fredericksburg, Va.—At the sale of B. Lewis' registered and imported cattle at his farm, near Fredericksburg, the celebrated bull Stockwell, for which Lewis paid \$12,500, brought \$7,000, and goes to Pennsylvania. One cow brought \$1,500, and a bull calf two weeks old sold for \$300.

Salena, Va.—Rev. C. B. Lefevre, an aged superannuated minister of the Baltimore Methodist Conference, died last night. He had filled pulpits in all parts of the conference during his ministry.

Roanoke, Va.—The Toms Creek Coal and Coke Company yesterday fired up 300 coke ovens in Wise County. These ovens had been idle a year.

Norfolk, Va.—County officers with bloodhounds had an exciting though unsuccessful chase after a burglar who broke into the summer home of J. W. Watkins, a prominent Norfolk grocer, at Ocean View, and made off with \$15,000 worth of diamonds, besides a quantity of silverware and other valuables.

Keyser, W. Va.—George Woodward, youngest son of Mrs. C. A. Woodward, formerly of Washington, D. C., is dead at Keyser, W. Va., aged thirty-three years. He is survived by his wife.

Grafton, W. Va.—H. B. Hinds and H. L. Shriver, two preparatory students at the West Virginia University, Morgantown, were suspended for the remainder of the scholastic year. One of the young men assisted the other in an examination.

Cumberland, Md.—The plant of the Maryland Glass Etching Company and all the real estate connected with the plant was sold at trustee's sale to W. C. Deaconson, of Cumberland, for \$6,650. The personal property of the plant was purchased by H. C. Glick.

Morgantown, W. Va.—The well of the Utility Gas Company, at Midville, near here, came in with a roar which was heard for miles around. The well promises about 1,000,000 cubic feet a day.

Cumberland, Md.—Milton Myers is under arrest as a suspect in connection with the murder of Frank E. Wingard, at Stoyestown, near Meyerdale.

Attacked with an Ax.
Hagerstown, Md., April 11.—Joseph Keller, machinist, in the hospital department of the jail suffering from a serious wound in the head, and George Gross, with whom Keller boarded, is locked up on the charge of murdering Keller. The trouble arose at Gross' home, and following a disagreement over some financial matter, Gross attacked Keller with an ax.

Call Pastor to Winchester.
Winchester, Va., April 11.—At a congregational meeting of the First Baptist Church of Winchester, held to-day, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. W. O. Rosser, pastor of the Baptist Church at Radford, Va. The pulpit of the Baptist church has been vacant for nearly a year.

Ends Life as Old Father.
Richmond, Va., April 11.—A special from High Point says J. Lindsey Ferguson killed himself in his office in the High Point Furniture Company's plant, blowing his brains out with a revolver. He was found on the office floor. His father some years ago committed suicide.

MILLIONS OF CHICAGO EGGS.

Easter Trade in Windy City Has Been Very Active.

Chicago, April 11.—A round million dozen, or 12,000,000 eggs, have been sold for the Chicago Easter trade this year, according to the estimates of the large dealers on South Water street.

The price has been reasonable, and retailers have bought without stint. Some estimates put the total even larger than the above, a few dealers placing the total at 20,000,000 eggs. The prevailing price a dozen was twenty cents wholesale.

HIS MANIA IS TO STEAL WIRE

Negro to Be Tried for Third Offense, and Faces Life Term.

James Hitter, Although He Has Lost an Arm, Still Able to Climb Telegraph Poles.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Richmond, Va., April 11.—James Hitter, a negro, now in the city jail awaiting trial for stealing wire, will almost certainly get a life sentence, though the value of the wire stolen amounts to only \$15.

Hitter is a wire maniac. He steals wire and nothing but wire, and risks his life to get what he is after. He climbs telegraph and telephone poles, street railway and every other kind of pole that has wires attached, and cuts the wires to satisfy his yearning.

Twice in the past he has served a term in the penitentiary merely because he wanted wire. He was no sooner released the first time, than the police had to keep busy trying to prove him guilty, for the wires began to disappear again. Thus he made a second trip to the house over the hill.

But Hitter could not stand the sight of overhead wires. He would lean against a pole and longingly cast his eyes upward, spying temptation from his brow as the tempting wires dangled in the wind. While serving a second term in the penitentiary, he tried to escape and was shot in the arm, the limb afterward being amputated. But this did not deter Hitter in the least. Hitter will have a trial at the next term of the court, but the evidence at present seems strong against him.

James Patrick is also awaiting a trial for third-term imprisonment which will, if he be found guilty, send him up for life.

ROOSEVELT TRAVERSES SUEZ

Kermit and Others Go on Bird Hunting Trip.

Passing British Steamer Salutes Former President—Large Teddy Bear Shown on the Bridge.

Suez, April 11.—The steamer Admiral, with former President Roosevelt aboard, which passed out of the canal about 10 o'clock last night, made a brief stop at Suez, then proceeded down the Red Sea. The Admiral will make stops at Aden and Mogadishu on the East coast of Italian Somaliland.

On the trip through the canal the Admiral slowed up to permit a party to land at Ismailia, which is about half-way distant between the Red and Mediterranean seas. The landing party consisted of Kermit Roosevelt, Maj. Mearns, Edmund Heller, zoologist, and J. A. Loring. The intention of the party was to make a collection of bird specimens, and proceed to Suez by train.

Col. Roosevelt took occasion to deny vehemently an alleged interview with him which appeared in the Paris journals saying: "I have not seen any representatives of that paper, and have made no statement to the press except that given out at Messina."

During the voyage through the canal the Admiral passed the steamer City of Paris, from Kurrachee, crowded with British passengers. These massed on the British deck and cheered the former President enthusiastically. A large Teddy Bear occupied a prominent place on the bridge deck. Col. Roosevelt answered the cheers by waving his hat. He seemed to enjoy the experience.

Temperatures in Other Cities.
Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall, for the twelve hours ended at 8 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

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Atlanta, Ga.	54	30	30	...
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Boston, Mass.	54	30	30	...
Buffalo, N. Y.	54	30	30	...
Chicago, Ill.	54	30	30	...
Cincinnati, Ohio	54	30	30	...
Cleveland, Ohio	54	30	30	...
Columbus, Ohio	54	30	30	...
Dayton, Ohio	54	30	30	...
Des Moines, Iowa	54	30	30	...
Galveston, Tex.	54	30	30	...
Houston, Tex.	54	30	30	...
Indianapolis, Ind.	54	30	30	...
Jacksonville, Fla.	54	30	30	...
Kansas City, Mo.	54	30	30	...
Little Rock, Ark.	54	30	30	...
Los Angeles, Cal.	54	30	30	...
Louisville, Ky.	54	30	30	...
Memphis, Tenn.	54	30	30	...
Minneapolis, Minn.	54	30	30	...
New Orleans, La.	54	30	30	...
New York, N. Y.	54	30	30	...
New York, N. Y.	54	30	30	...
Omaha, Neb.	54	30	30	...
Pittsburgh, Pa.	54	30	30	...
Portland, Ore.	54	30	30	...
Salt Lake City, Utah	54	30	30	...
San Francisco, Cal.	54	30	30	...
St. Louis, Mo.	54	30	30	...
St. Paul, Minn.	54	30	30	...
San Francisco, Cal.	54	30	30	...

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OUR ART WILL LEAD

So Declares Joaquin Sorolla, The Pennsylvania Issues Noted Spanish Painter.

WORKING ON TAFT PORTRAIT.

Finds the President an Admirable Subject, and Asserts That America's Art Is the Art of Nature, Virile and Realistic, and Destined to Take Lead Over Other Nations.

President Taft is having his picture painted by a Spanish artist, and, according to the Castilian, there is hardly a more satisfactory subject for the painter's brush than the Chief Magistrate of the United States.

Joaquin Sorolla y Bastida is the high-sounding name of the Spaniard who has spent a couple of hours for a number of afternoons with President Taft at his office, putting down his features on canvas in oil.

Senior Sorolla is celebrated as a painter. He is as fertile in landscapes as he is in human life and flowers or architectural scenes. He is an all round medallion painter, and has over 250 canvases to his credit, including those of the King of Spain in the uniform of the Hussars and in the uniform of artillery; of the Queen of Spain; of the crown prince of Spain; of Infanta Dona Isabel de Bourbon, and Princess Henry of Battemberg.

Work Exhibited in New York.

A highly successful exhibition of Senior Sorolla's paintings has just been concluded in New York under the auspices of the Hispanic Society of America, and speaking of his work in connection with the painting of President Taft's picture, Senior Sorolla, who is a guest at the Spanish Legation, said last night that he never had a more satisfactory sitter than President Taft; that he had the faculty of putting the artist so at ease as to make him forget that he is painting any one else but an ordinary citizen.

"President Taft's facial expression always bears the traces of laughter and whole-heartedness and contentment," said Senior Sorolla. "He seems to be absolutely without nerves, without having even the slightest trace of being heavy. He speaks a little Spanish, and is always willing to say something. Mr. Taft speaks Spanish fluently, and with grace."

American Art to Lead World.

"You have a distinct art in America, and if you continue improving upon what you have begun, American art will lead the world. It is the art of nature, of truth, virile and realistic. Americans take nature's own works for their models, while in Europe we take old masters' and cathedrals, castles, and old ruins."

The artist is of humble origin, according to his own story, and is forty-six years old. He is a native of Valencia, Spain, where he became a student of the Academia de Bellas Artes of San Carlos, winning almost immediately the triple prize for coloring, drawing from the model, and perspective. He continued his study in France, Rome, Germany, and in the United States, receiving honorable mentions and medals and other distinctions wherever he exhibited his works.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.
Washington, Sunday, April 11, 1909. 8 p. m.
Cold weather prevailed generally Sunday morning over the Mississippi River, with freezing temperatures as far South as Central North Carolina, but during the day there was a considerable rise over the interior districts. It was also considerably warmer in the Southeast and the States bordering the Mississippi River on the west. In the Northwest and extreme Central West it is considerably cooler.

There were light rains and snows in the Northwest and the Middle West, and snows in the Central West, and showers in the Missouri, Arkansas, and Upper Mississippi valleys and Upper Lake region, followed by generally fair weather Tuesday, except in the Upper Lake region, where showers Monday night and Tuesday in the Ohio Valley and the Lower Lake region, extending Tuesday night into the Middle Atlantic States and New England. In the South the weather will be partly cloudy, with possibly some showers Monday or Tuesday night in the northern portion of the East, Gulf States.

It will be warmer Monday in the Ohio Valley, the Lake region, and New England, and cooler in the Missouri Valley and the Southwest. It will be cooler generally Tuesday east of the Mississippi River, except in the States along the Atlantic coast.

Storm warnings are displayed on the Great Lakes, except Western Superior, and on the Texas coast. The winds along the New England and Middle Atlantic coasts will be southerly, slowly increasing; on the South Atlantic coast moderate east to southeasterly; on the West Gulf coast brisk to high southeasterly; on the Lower Lakes brisk to high southeasterly; on the Upper Lakes high southwest to west.

Steamers departing Monday for European ports will have moderate to heavy seas, becoming brisk to moderately high by Tuesday, with increasing cloudiness, to the Grand Banks.

Local Temperature.
Midnight, 32; 2 a. m., 29; 4 a. m., 29; 6 a. m., 27; 8 a. m., 30; 10 a. m., 36; 12 noon, 42; 2 p. m., 48; 4 p. m., 56; 6 p. m., 67; 8 p. m., 64; 10 p. m., 60; Maximum, 81; minimum, 26.

Relative humidity—8 a. m., 58; 8 p. m., 55. Rainfall 8 p. m. to 8 p. m., 0. Hours of sunshine, 13.1. Part of possible sunshine, 100. Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 80; minimum, 48.

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Tide Table.

To-day—High tide, 12:25 a. m. and 12:35 p. m.

Low tide, 6:25 a. m. and 7:35 p. m.

To-morrow—High tide, 1:15 a. m. and 1:42 p. m.

Low tide, 7:25 a. m. and 8:45 p. m.

Condition of the Water.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Harpers Ferry, W. Va., April 11.—Both rivers clear.

Veteran Lithographer Passes Away.

Cincinnati, April 11.—Hines Stronbridge, aged eighty-six, founder and head of the Stronbridge Lithographing Company, of this city and New York, died suddenly here to-day of heart disease.

ROAD'S GROWTH TOLD

The Pennsylvania Issues Trackage Statistics.

SERVES HALF THE COUNTRY

In District of Columbia and the Thirteen States Covered by the System Reside More Than Fifty Per Cent of Population of United States—Improvements Planned.

Philadelphia, April 11.—Interest attaches to the "Record of Transportation Lines," which has just been published by the maintenance of way department of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The report is in the form of a pamphlet of forty-nine pages, giving in considerable detail the facts of mileage and growth of the road's track. The figures are based on the track conditions of December 31, 1908.

In the District of Columbia and the thirteen States in which the Pennsylvania system is situated, more than one-half of the population of the United States resides. According to the estimates of the governors of all the States of the Union, the national population on January 1 last was 93,730,126, while, according to the same estimate, the population of the territory in which the Pennsylvania system operates was 44,393,522.

Number of Passengers.

During the year 1908 the Pennsylvania system carried 142,678,779 passengers, averaging more than three trips for every man, woman, and child in the thirteen States and the District of Columbia. The road is operating 11,252.31 miles of direct line. This is increased by the double tracked, three tracked and four tracked portions, and by the great mileage of sidings and switchings, to a total of 23,977.41 miles of single track.

On the lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie there are 14,809.75 miles of track, and on the lines west there are 9,887.65 miles. Some idea of the enormous relative importance of the freight traffic of the road may be learned from the fact that on the "lines east" there are 4,719.63 miles of siding.

The freight tonnage for the year amounted, on all lines of the system, to 334,429,321 tons. This is in the proportion of nearly eight tons for every person living in the States through which the lines are operated. Reduced to terms of ton miles, that is, counting each ton as many times as there were miles over which it was carried, this shows an aggregate of no less than 2,533,934,709 tons. Thus, by a calculation of averages, 26,239 tons of freight passed over every mile of line in the system during the year.

Persons Carried Per Mile.

The number of passengers carried one mile during the year was 1,551,961,555, and thus on an average 25.08 persons were passed over every mile of the lines. Six miles of new track were constructed, and 155 miles of new lines were added to the system.

Excepting for the few miles west of Altoona, the road is four-tracked from New York to Pittsburgh. Contracts have been made for the widening of bridges and tunnels in this section, and it is expected that the whole district will be four-tracked within another year. Six and eighty-six one-hundredths miles of the fourth track were added at this point during the year just closed.

In all the system there are now 564 miles of four-track road, 734 miles of triple track, 3,335 miles of double track, and 11,252 miles of single track.

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	Total Miles All Lines
Delaware	25.36
District of Columbia	12.98
Florida	12.14
Indiana	1,541.55
Kentucky	2.51
Maryland	966.82
Massachusetts	6.09
Missouri	36.78
New Jersey	771.89
New York	513.92
Ohio	1,358.09
Pennsylvania	4,097.76
Virginia	71.74
West Virginia	85.95
Total	11,253.25